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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 17 September 2010, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-fifth session the item entitled "Programme planning" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 4th and 8th meetings, on 7 and 20 October 2010. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/65/SR.4 and 8).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its fiftieth session (A/65/16);

(b) Proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013: part one: plan outline (A/65/6 (Part one)) and part two: biennial programme plan (A/65/6 (Prog. 1-11, 12 and Corr.1, 13-16, 17 and Corr.1 and 18-27));

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/65/70).

4. At the 4th meeting, on 7 October 2010, the Chair of the Committee for Programme and Coordination introduced the report of the Committee (see A/C.5/65/SR.4).

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.5

5. At its 8th meeting, on 20 October, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Programme planning" (A/C.5/65/L.5), submitted by the Chair on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Spain.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/65/L.5 without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 37/234 of 21 December 1982, 38/227 A of 20 December 1983, 41/213 of 19 December 1986, 55/234 of 23 December 2000, 56/253 of 24 December 2001, 57/282 of 20 December 2002, 58/268 and 58/269 of 23 December 2003, 59/275 of 23 December 2004, 60/257 of 8 May 2006, 61/235 of 22 December 2006, 62/224 of 22 December 2007, 63/247 of 24 December 2008 and 64/229 of 22 December 2009,

Recalling also the terms of reference of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, as outlined in the annex to Economic and Social Council resolution 2008 (LX) of 14 May 1976,

Recalling further the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation,[1] by which the relevant programmes and subprogrammes of the proposed strategic framework shall be reviewed by the relevant sectoral, functional and regional intergovernmental bodies, if possible during the regular cycle of their meetings,

Having considered the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its fiftieth session,[2] the proposed strategic framework for the period 2012-2013: part one: plan outline[3] and part two: biennial programme plan[4] and the report of the Secretary-General on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2008-2009,[5]

1. *Reaffirms* the role of the Committee for Programme and Coordination as the main subsidiary organ of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council for planning, programming and coordination;

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the strategic framework for the period 2012-2013, contained in chapter II, section A, of its report on the work of its fiftieth session,[2] and on the programme performance of the United Nations for the biennium 2008-2009, contained in chapter II, section B;

3. *Decides* that the priorities for the period 2012-2013 shall be the following:

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[1] ST/SGB/2000/8.

[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/65/16).

[3] A/65/6 (Part one).

[4] A/65/6 (Prog. 1-11, 12 and Corr.1, 13-16, 17 and Corr.1 and 18-27).

[5] A/65/70.

(a) Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences;

(b) Maintenance of international peace and security;

(c) Development of Africa;

(d) Promotion of human rights;

(e) Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts;

(f) Promotion of justice and international law;

(g) Disarmament;

(h) Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations;

4. *Stresses* that setting the priorities of the United Nations is the prerogative of the Member States, as reflected in legislative mandates;

5. *Also stresses* the need for Member States to participate fully in the budget preparation process, from its early stages and throughout the process;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2012-2013 on the basis of the above priorities and the strategic framework as adopted in the present resolution;

7. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the in-depth evaluation, contained in chapter II, section C, of its report; on the annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination, contained in chapter III, section A; and on the New Partnership for Africa's Development, contained in chapter III, section B; and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the timely implementation of the above recommendations.